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## **Child Welfare Services Review Program Enhancement Plan Adoption Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

January 10, 2006  
UW Pyle Center, Madison

### **I. Welcome/Introductions/Announcements**

Dale Langer, Manager of the Adoption and Consultation Section, welcomed participants and introductions were made.

Dale commented that the Permanency Planning Timeline and Memo should be final Feb. 6, 2006. It will be distributed as a Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Informational Memo.

### **II. Review of the Standards (inclusion of tribal language)**

*Cheryl Howe*

The adoption standards were edited to reflect appropriate Native American language. The edits were reviewed with the committee. It was felt the language used should be the same used by (Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Rhonda Tousey will represent the tribes and will assist Cheryl with the edits. Additional comments should be sent to Cheryl Howe.

### **III. Combining Foster Family Assessment (FFA)/Adoptive Family Assessment (AFA)**

*Audrey Conn*

Audrey presented feedback received from adoption workers and foster care coordinators that reflected their thoughts about combining the FFA/AFA study, transitioning to the Structured Analysis Family Evaluation (SAFE) study or to not change the way studies are done.

The majority of the committee agreed that combination of the FFA/AFA would produce positive results. State and county workers would work together to expedite the permanency process for the child, keeping in mind placing a child with the family that can best meet the child's needs.

Comments received were positive towards the SAFE study, however, there were many questions raised regarding SAFE. Dale indicated he would contact Kate Cleary from SAFE and ask that she or a representative return to WI to participate in a question/answer forum to include state, county, and private agency staff.

### **VII. Agenda for the Next Meeting - items were identified and will be reflected on the agenda.**

NEXT PEP ADOPTION COMMITTEE MEETING – February 22, 2006 in MADISON at the BISHOP O'CONNOR CENTER.